Tackling of Maoist violence

† 293. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States in the country have decided to tackle Maoist violence with mutual cooperation;

(b) if so, whether the Centre also has assured to help these States; and

(c) if so, the names of these States and the forms and types of aid decided so far to be provided to these States by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Keeping in view that the naxalite problem is an inter-State problem, neighbouring naxalite affected States such as Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa on the one hand and Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh on the other are undertaking coordinated need based Inter-State Joint Operations.

(b) and (c) The Central Government has assured the naxalite affected States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal of all possible support in tackling the problem in terms of funds for integrated development of the affected areas including construction of roads, reimbursement of security related expenditure, modernization of State Police Forces, sharing of intelligence and deployment of Central Para-Military Forces.

Review Committees on POTA

294. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Committee on POTA and other review committees have ruled in many cases, not to proceed against the accused under POTA;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of such cases including action taken based on the above ruling for the last two years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the present status of the decision of Central Review Committee on POTA in Godhra case at Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) After the repeal of POTA, 2002 on 21.9.2004, the Central Government constituted three Central Review Committees to review the cases registered under POTA, 2002 by the States/UTs. These Review Committees have in many cases directed the concerned State/UT Governments not to proceed against the accused under POTA. Further these Review Committees have directed the Public Prosecutor concerned to file appropriate application under section 321 Cr. PC. without delay and place the opinion of the Review Committee before the Special Court. The details of cases and the number of accused against whom no case has been found under POTA till date are enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(c) The Justice Jain Review Committee on POTA had directed the Public Prosecutor concerned to file the appropriate application under section 321 of Cr. PC. without any delay placing the opinion of the Review Committee before the Special Court. The application has accordingly been filed before the POTA Special Court.

Statement

Details of cases and number of accused against whom no case has been found under POTA

Name of the State	No. of cases	No. of accused against whom no case has been found under POTA
1. Andhra Pradesh	5	8
2. NCT of Delhi	5	5
3. Gujarat	4	134*
4, Jharkhand	14	26
5. Maharashtra	5	15
6. Tamil Nadu	5	17
7. Uttar Pradesh	3	8

*including 120 in Godhra case.